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Application No. 09/068,507 Group: 1652

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For: EXPRESSION SYSTEM IN MICROORGANISM AND ITS USE
FOR EXPRESSING HETEROLOGOUS AND HOMOLOGOUS
PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 16, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-43 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

Please add the following claims:

Sub E57 --44. A gene expression system comprising:

(a) an IF gene, or a functional analogue thereof;

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